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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

KADAMBI et al

Application No.: 09/635,232

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Examiner: Not yet assigned

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For: A METHOD OF SENDING PACKETS BETWEEN TRUNK PORTS OF NETWORK SWITCHES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 26, 2000

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-19 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 20-33 as follows:

--20. A method of sending packets between trunked network switches, said

method comprising:

receiving a packet from a source at a first port of a trunked network switch;

identifying that the first switch includes ports which are bundled as a trunk

group;

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